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My family is involved in the California cling peach industry both as a grower and a frozen processor of cling and freestone peaches. I wish to express my support for the Department's proposed tree removal program.

While cling peach processing is a relatively minor share of the total industry, we are impacted by the trade's perception of a cling peach oversupply position. We recognize that the cling peach industry situation needs to improve in order for growers to survive in the long term. I believe this program will be an effective solution to the industry's oversupply position.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

William S. Smittcamp
President

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